



Fact Sheet:

Access to Recovery

Also known as the



California Access to Recovery Effort (CARE) Program

This is the second time California was awarded funds to address youth treatment. On March 4, 2004, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released a \$100 million competitive grant for the Access to Recovery (ATR) program. States were eligible to apply for up to \$15 million per year as part of a Presidential initiative to:

- Ensure genuine, free, independent client choice of treatment providers;
- Expand access to a comprehensive array of treatment options, including faith-based and other nontraditional options, increase capacity; and
- Ensure accountability and effectiveness by monitoring outcomes, tracking costs, preventing waste, fraud, and abuse.

The Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP), in collaboration with a stakeholder workgroup, designed the CARE program grant application. On August 3, 2004, SAMHSA announced that California was among the 14 states and one tribal organization awarded the ATR grant. ADP received \$7.6 million annually for three years from SAMHSA for the CARE program.

On June 7, 2007, as part of a Presidential initiative, SAMHSA released a \$98 million competitive grant for the ATR program. States were eligible to apply for up to \$7 million per year. On September 20, 2007, SAMHSA announced that California was among 18 states and five tribal organizations awarded the new ATR grant.

ADP will receive \$4.8 million annually for three years from SAMHSA for the CARE program.

The CARE program provides vouchers to substance-abusing 12-20 year olds in Los Angeles and Sacramento for treatment and recovery support services. The new ATR award will extend services to include Butte, Shasta and Tehama counties which are hit hard by methamphetamine abuse. Eligible youth are able to choose from an expanded number and type of providers, including faith-based organizations and other nontraditional providers.

Any organization in Butte, Los Angeles, Sacramento, Shasta, and Tehama that meets the eligibility criteria may apply for the program, including public, private, nonprofit, proprietary, faith-based, and other nontraditional organizations. No organization will be discriminated against, in accordance with the federal Charitable Choice regulations (42 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 54 and 54a).

CARE program services include assessment, outpatient and short-term residential treatment, and recovery support services. Recovery support services include a wide array of activities and services to improve participation in treatment and to support continued recovery, such as educational and employment supports, mentoring, childcare and transportation.

For more information about the CARE program, and details on how to participate, please visit the CARE website at CaliforniaCares4youth.com.